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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to registration fees for electric and
- 2 hybrid-electric motor vehicles, and making penalties
- 3 applicable.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.116 Electric and 1 2 hybrid-electric motor vehicles - annual registration fee. For each electric motor vehicle subject to an annual 4 registration fee computed pursuant to section 321.109, 5 subsection 1, paragraph "a", and operated upon the public 6 highways of this state, the owner shall pay an annual electric 7 motor vehicle registration fee in the amount of one hundred 8 fifty dollars, which shall be in addition to the annual 9 registration fee imposed for the vehicle pursuant to section 10 321.105 and computed pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, 11 paragraph "a". For the purposes of this subsection, "electric 12 motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle propelled exclusively by 13 one or more electric motors using electrical energy stored in a 14 battery or other energy storage device. 15 2. For each hybrid-electric motor vehicle subject to
- an annual registration fee computed pursuant to section

 321.109, subsection 1, paragraph "a", and operated upon the

 public highways of this state, the owner shall pay an annual

 hybrid-electric motor vehicle registration fee in the amount

 of fifty dollars, which shall be in addition to the annual

 registration fee imposed for the vehicle pursuant to section

 231.105 and computed pursuant to section 321.109, subsection

 1, paragraph "a". For the purposes of this subsection,

 "hybrid-electric motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle propelled

 by a combination of an internal combustion engine and one

 or more electric motors using electrical energy stored in a

 battery or other energy storage device.

28 EXPLANATION

- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- This bill imposes an annual electric motor vehicle
 registration fee of \$150 for electric motor vehicles. The
 annual electric motor vehicle registration fee is in addition
 to the annual registration fee imposed on such vehicles under
 current law. The bill defines "electric motor vehicle" to mean

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- 1 a motor vehicle propelled exclusively by one or more electric
- 2 motors using electrical energy stored in a battery or other
- 3 energy storage device.
- 4 The bill also imposes an annual hybrid-electric motor
- 5 vehicle registration fee of \$50 for hybrid-electric
- 6 motor vehicles. The annual hybrid-electric motor vehicle
- 7 registration fee is in addition to the annual registration
- 8 fee imposed on such vehicles under current law. The bill
- 9 defines "hybrid-electric motor vehicle" to mean a motor vehicle
- 10 propelled by a combination of an internal combustion engine and
- ll one or more electric motors using electrical energy stored in a
- 12 battery or other energy storage device.
- 13 Under current law, the annual registration fee imposed
- 14 pursuant to Code section 321.109, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
- 15 is equal to 1 percent of the value of the vehicle plus \$.40
- 16 for each 100 pounds of weight of the vehicle, as fixed by the
- 17 department of transportation. The fee applies to all motor
- 18 vehicles including vehicles designated by manufacturers as
- 19 station wagons, 1993 and subsequent model year multipurpose
- 20 vehicles, and 2010 and subsequent model year motor trucks
- 21 with an unladen weight of 10,000 pounds or less, but does not
- 22 apply to motor trucks registered under Code section 321.122,
- 23 business-trade trucks, special trucks, motor homes, motorsports
- 24 recreational vehicles, ambulances, hearses, autocycles,
- 25 motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and 1992 and older model year
- 26 multipurpose vehicles.
- 27 By operation of law, driving an electric or hybrid-electric
- 28 motor vehicle without paying the electric or hybrid-electric
- 29 motor vehicle registration fee imposed under the bill is a
- 30 violation of Code section 321.17, which is a simple misdemeanor
- 31 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$50.